

**Historic Landmark Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2020**

Members Present

Chair Yvonne Hoffmann
Vice Chair Bonnie Leitch
Nathan Feingold
Katie Totman
Melinda Poss
Thomas Tumlinson
Teresa Johnson
Joel Rector

Staff Present

Caleb Gasperek, Assistant Planner
Chris Looney, Planning Director
Nathan Brown, Assistant City Attorney

Members Absent

Susan Sonier

1. The above meeting was called to order by Chair Hoffmann at 8:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called, and a quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Hoffmann approved the August 11, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

4. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) HIST20-154 Discuss and consider a request for a Certificate of Alteration to construct a detached pergola and fireplace on the property currently addressed as 205 S Academy Avenue, which is located in the Sophienburg Historic District. Applicant: Carol Wheeler; Case Manager: Caleb Gasperek, Assistant Planner

Mr. Gasperek presented and recommended approval as proposed by the applicant.

Discussion followed on the location and scale of the fireplace.

Debra Jimenez, 1335 Wald Rd., answered questions on the fireplace.

Carol Wheeler, 205 S Academy Ave, clarified details on the submitted plans.

Commissioner Leitch asked if the motion could include approval for the pergola but not the fireplace which could return at a later date for consideration.

Mr. Gasperek stated this is correct.

Discussion followed on design details for the pergola.

Discussion followed on tabling the application until more detailed plans can be submitted.

Commissioner Hoffmann asked if there was a motion.

Motion by Commissioner Leitch, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to post-pone consideration of

approval of the request for a Certificate of Alteration to construct a new residential building on the property currently addressed as 464 S Academy Ave, which is located in the Sophienburg Hill Historic District until more detailed plans are submitted.

Ms. Jimenez asked for clarification on the type of plans being requested.

Discussion followed on compliance with Planning code.

Motion carried (8-0-0).

B) Discuss and consider a proposal by the Comal County Historical Commission to nominate Landa Park & Industries as a National Historic District. *Caleb Gasparek, Assistant Planner*

Mr. Gasparek presented on a brief history of Landa Park, the boundaries of the proposed district, and requested approval from the Historic Landmark Commission.

Discussion followed on the nomination process.

Cindy Coers, 24 Laurel Trail, with the Comal County Historical Commission, spoke on the nomination process and HLC's role in the request.

Motion by Chair Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Poss, to approve the proposal by the Comal County Historical Commission to nominate Landa Park & Industries as a National Historic District. Motion carried (8-0-0).

6. STAFF REPORT

A) Discussion on tree preservation in Historic Districts

Mr. Gasparek presented current city standards for tree removal from The New Braunfels Code of Ordinances (Sec. 144-5.3) and a statement from the comprehensive plan on trees.

Commissioner Leitch stated she brought up this topic due to multiple heritage trees which were removed along Magazine Ave in the Sophienburg district.

Discussion followed.

Chair Hoffmann asked about the process for drafting a residential tree preservation ordinance.

Discussion followed.

B) Update on the Booker T. Washington School

Mr. Gasparek presented and stated he has contacted the school to speak with them

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Chair

Date